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**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2013 6:57 AM  
**To:** Murray, Ronald; Calder, Gregg  
**Subject:** RE: Black Coffee

Thank You, Sir!

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 09, 2013 6:47 PM  
**To:** Keating, Tyler  
**Subject:** RE: black coffee

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**From:** Keating, Tyler  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 09, 2013 17:51  
**To:** Brownlee, Christopher  
**Subject:** black coffee

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Officer T. Keating #7594  
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**Cc:** Allen, Matthew  
**Subject:** RE: 501 E Pine St

Hello Justin,

All I can share with you at this time is that over the past several weeks we have received several complaints about activity at Black Coffee. Some of the complaints deal with City and State code and/or regulation compliance issues, while some deal with public safety issues. We are sharing the complaints we receive with other city and state departments that may have responsibility/jurisdiction for non-police issues. Any allegations of illegal activity will always be fully investigated.

Ron

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 08, 2013 4:32 PM  
**To:** Wilson, Ronald; Brownlee, Christopher; Allen, Matthew; York, Matthew E  
**Subject:** RE: 501 E Pine St

Copy 0930 hours ...

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 07, 2013 10:41 AM  
**To:** House, Gerald  
**Cc:** Sundin, Casey  
**Subject:** Reschedule Harvard Market mtg

Gerry:

Getting called into a meeting regarding Black Coffee today from 1230 – 1300; called Scott Painter at QFC and left a message trying to push the meeting back until 1330. Casey is cc'd for info only.

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FYI...

**From:** Fowler, Chris  
**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2013 10:13 AM  
**To:** Wilson, Ronald; Allen, Matthew; Lowe, Donnie  
**Cc:** O'Donnell, Sean  
**Subject:** RE: May Day at Black Coffee

Sounds good. I am forwarding this to Sean O'Donnell. Sean can you check into the 911 side of this and check?

Chris

**From:** Wilson, Ronald  
**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2013 9:54 AM  
**To:** Allen, Matthew; Lowe, Donnie; Fowler, Chris  
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Hi just spoke with Beth Hester and she will be calling Michael Wells to get a meeting date set up.

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**Cc:** [jill@hunterscapital.com](mailto:jill@hunterscapital.com); Broadway Video

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More information for our discussion about the May Day aftermath. Beth, any word on a representative from the Mayor's office and a date for a meeting?

Best –

Michael

Michael Wells  
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**Sent:** Sunday, May 05, 2013 11:18 AM

**To:** Michael Wells

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To Whom it may concern,

On Wednesday, May 1st, after breaking local business windows throughout my neighborhood, dozens of anarchist agitators descended upon my business, the Raygun Lounge's ( [gammaraygamestore.com](http://gammaraygamestore.com) ) building at 501 E Pine. They proceeded to kick my customers out of our bathroom, turn it into a pepper spray wash basin, and rotate back out on to the sidewalk to yell at the police, the neighbors and my customers, blocking the entrance to my business and creating a very threatening atmosphere for myself, my staff and my customers.

When I attempted to stop them myself, I was confronted by one of the anarchist collective owners of my neighboring business Black Coffee ( <http://blackcoffeecoop.com/> ) and aggressively informed that, "this is happening and there's noafetrmnthng you can do about it."

When I called 911 to get help, I was told by the operator that, "unless they're breaking something," the police were too busy and wouldn't come. Completely abandoned by the city and law enforcement, I locked my business down with employees and customers inside and guarded the gate myself. As a 41 year old small business owner and father of two who needed to get up early the next morning to help my disabled son get on the bus, I found the idea of me having to physically guard my business without any police support whatsoever completely outrageous.

When my hostess attempted to use our bathroom she was surrounded by angry men and returned quickly, crying with shaking hands and apologized to myself and my customers that she had PTSD and being suddenly surrounded in the bathroom like that reminded her of being assaulted at the Occupy Seattle camp a year before.

At this point, I gave in and shut down my business early on what had been a busy night at yet another loss to myself and my business as the result of activities going on in and around Black Coffee and escorted everyone out through the angry crowd. As we were leaving, the Black Coffee staff were setting up amplified PA equipment and, according to police who rode by several times later that evening without bothering to stop them, they had a completely undisturbed victory party until 3am.

To say that I am disappointed and furious at our local police, government and chamber of commerce for completely failing to in any way monitor or deter the local epicenter of anarchist organization for the city of Seattle on the very night that they had publicly announced that they were going to wreck the city and hold a victory party is an understatement of the highest order. But I am not surprised, because events like the one I described above *happen all the time* to the residents of Pine near Summit now and despite our constant reporting of them, we are getting no protection, support or acknowledgement from the police, the city or our local chamber for what we're facing.

For the past 6 months, since they opened a "book store" (which has never sold or even housed a book) in a space zoned non-food retail, the members of Occupy Seattle's coffee shop have set up an 18 hour/day, 7 day/week agitation operation. We've had the bathroom that our lease forces us to share with them completely covered in angry anti-establishment graffiti (pics of which are available and were sent to the landlord and police months ago) and repainted twice, they've hosted numerous live all-ages punk rock and hip hop shows that draw massive crowds well beyond any fire codes and generate noise levels way beyond any legal limits, they've set up an all ages bar and served the cheapest beer in the neighborhood to the local homeless population, they've provided shelter to numerous criminals (police are afraid to enter Black Coffee and the local criminals know this and dart in and out to break off pursuits), our building has been broken into once and had nearly every business in it burgled, every gate and door have been tampered with and/or broken, the elevators have all had to be locked down limiting the upper floors access to prevent Black Coffee's guests from regularly peeing in them because they can't gain regular access to our shared first floor bathroom because it is often engaged for long periods by underage drug users to get high, change clothes and occasionally have sex in.

All of this and more has been reported to our landlord and Community Police Team. Though they both assure me that action is being taken on all fronts to resolve the situation, May Day's complete takeover of the building makes it clear that they are failing and that we have a very dangerous, well documented and highly public community safety failure on our hands.

As recent comments from the CHS Blog's coverage of the May Day events reveal, everyone in the neighborhood knows what is going on and is going to become increasingly vocal about it until something is done;

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*To Rachel, who says that places like Black Coffee exist for people to be shouting inside them and creating disruption—yes, they exist for discussion, and I do believe discussion and community happen there—no, they should not exist for people to go into and threaten other people, telling them they will “cut them” if they go out onto the sidewalk. That's a criminal threat, and if those kind of patrons are not stopped soon only hooligans will go there.*

and from <http://www.capitolhillseattle.com/2013/05/capitol-hill-may-day-2013-open-thread/#more-2067103395> following May Day's events

*Is anybody concerned that some of the people that perpetuated this violence took refuge at Black Coffee Co-op? Are we concerned that a “local” business is harboring these people? What about the owner of the building, Ron Amundson? Does he support anarchist street violence? He allowed anarchists to create a shelter in his building, so it makes me wonder.*

*I don't know if anyone is still following this, but I live near there and am very concerned about any role they may have played and their role in bringing more trouble to the neighborhood just in general. I am investigating what can be done about businesses that are not good neighbors and may write letters to their landlord or take other actions like that. I hope I am not alone, but I am also hesitant because a certain percentage of the people that support that cause and/or go there are part of a criminal element (and for people who want to start namecalling me—breaking windows is a criminal action, as is throwing things at cops, as is selling drugs on the street—which I have seen some of their patrons doing) and so I don't want to be targeted. I think concerned people should do something to address this—and if the owners (or whatever they want to call themselves) of Black Coffee want to address the problem themselves, so much the better. I have no problem with people having different viewpoints. I just don't want it bringing down my neighborhood.*

*You certainly are not alone. Those of us that live in the vicinity of Black Coffee do know that they, and especially many of their clientele, are not good neighbors. As a property owner & neighborhood resident, I'm well aware that crime, drugs, and graffiti are on the uptick since Travelers moved out and BC moved in. I appreciate the SPD for keeping an eye on this place and have also contacted the building owner.*

*I and the rest of the immediate neighborhood surrounding Pine and Summit have been incredibly patient with the city's organizational failure to recognize and address the numerous threats emanating from the Black Coffee Co-op but after 6 months of inaction and the explosion of aggression and violence that occurred last week, our patience is nearing an end.*

*Thank you for taking the time to hear our concerns. Please help us in any way that you can as the situation will only continue to worsen if you do not.*

*-Eric Logan*

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Thank you so much for your sincere and honest reply. I appreciate your efforts and those of the department and the agencies that you are working with to keep our city safe. Sorry you had such a long night last night. Though it's frustrating, sometimes very frustrating, to be in the situation that I'm in right now, I love the neighborhood and the building and will do my best to hang on until they clear out and the neighborhood can feel safe and welcoming again. I can hold out for three more months with the business climate as unfriendly as it is right now. Hopefully that will be enough time. It's nice to hear that Ron's engaged because he's coming off as pretty unhelpful from where the tenants are sitting right now. I'll try to give him the benefit of the doubt when he continues to insist on receiving premium rent for what his rental choices have turned into the worst kind of slum.

If there's ever anything that I can do to be of support or assistance, just let me know,

-Eric

On Thu, May 2, 2013 at 4:44 PM, Brownlee, Christopher <[Christopher.Brownlee@seattle.gov](mailto:Christopher.Brownlee@seattle.gov)> wrote:  
Hi Eric:

Sorry for the late reply. I understand your frustration, and want to touch on a couple of points.

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I'm sorry that was the response you got from the 911 call taker, but we were on priority call status yesterday due to the craziness.

5. I haven't taken a look at the call logs from last night, but I, along with several other officers were held over until 3AM as part of a rapid response team in case the kids at Black Coffee tried to ramp up the property destruction again. I watched Hudson slink out at about 2:00AM to close up, but from the time I got off of demo management detail until I left for the night at 3AM, I didn't hear any calls come out about Black Coffee.

I'll try to fill you in on the details of our progress as we go, but please bear in mind that as these events progress, there are some things I cannot, and will not divulge until investigations are complete.

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**Subject:** RE: Mayday at Black Coffee

Hi Eric:

Sorry for the late reply. I understand your frustration, and want to touch on a couple of points.

1. A lot of the work that CPT does is behind the scenes. Several issues surrounding Black Coffee LLC, including their ability to operate are quite frankly, not police matters but issues of enforcement with other city departments such as licensing, revenue, DPD, and outside agencies such as the Washington State Liquor Control Board. I am working with ALL of those departments to attack the issues around Black Coffee, LLC. As you can imagine, trying to corral and coordinate all of those resources takes time. Additionally, every single one of those departments are administrative in nature - meaning that violations can be noted and written, but because they are a "business" they have to be given time to rectify the issues identified to get into compliance. If that does not happen, THEN we can finally have hearings to shut down the business. I have engaged several different branches of city government to do just that and several departments have started their own files on the "coffee shop".
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3. We are very well aware of Black Coffee's happenings and events as they have a website, a FB page, and are quite active via social media.
4. Personally and professionally, I do not want to see you forced out due to really bad neighbors. I spent the entire day yesterday on a mountain bike as part of the front line demo management team, both for the downtown melees as well as the Capitol Hill aftermath and I can tell you quite frankly, that with the amount of resources we had out in the street as well as the officers who were forced to come in off shift or extend their shifts to deal with the madness, that noise complaints were absolutely on the bottom of the list for responses. I'm sorry that was the response you got from the 911 call taker, but we were on priority call status yesterday due to the craziness.
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I'll try to fill you in on the details of our progress as we go, but please bear in mind that as these events progress, there are some things I cannot, and will not divulge until investigations are complete.

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**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2013 8:27 PM  
**To:** Brownlee, Christopher; r.amundson@msn.com  
**Subject:** this week's anarchy report  
**Attachments:** anarchofront.JPG; anarchoback.JPG; no snitching.JPG

Since we had our last series of meetings, the anarchists have stuck "no snitching" stickers in the bathroom (photos attached) and begun spitting on all of my businesses' windows on a nightly basis.

Last night one of the anarchists came by solely to give one of my employees a pamphlet entitled "How to Justify Workplace Theft" (photo attached). It explains how you and I (especially you, Ron) are criminals usurping society and should be punished by having our all of our customers and employees actively steal from us until we're put out of business for good for our crimes against society. I kept it for posterity should either of you like a copy.

All of this, and so much more is coming out of a BOOKSTORE that now boasts a HAPPY HOUR featuring \$3 beers and cider ( <https://www.facebook.com/BlackCoffeeCoop/posts/571599849524935> ). Why that's some of the cheapest beer and cider on all of Capitol Hill and it's being served in an all-ages venue that caters to the homeless, angry and mentally ill. What a great idea!

I hope you'll pardon me if I seem frustrated that my landlord and local police are not only allowing a completely unlicensed all-ages hard-left marijuana bar to host weekly live punk rock and hip hop shows without any repercussions but are requiring me to share my customers' bathroom with them while they do so. Did I say frustrated? That was very measured of me.

This Saturday, I'll be sharing my bathroom and sidewalk with a live 4/20 DOOM METAL concert featuring Un & Swamp Heavy that Black Coffee have billed by saying, "Come drink beer and listen to totally sweet bands, bro," on their totally public events page ( <http://blackcoffeecoop.com/event-calendar/> ) which anyone, even law enforcement professionals and landlords, can see at any time. Which means I'll be paying for extra staff, as usual, just to politely ask crowds of angry black clad metal heads to please stop smoking marijuana *right* in front of our door. *Again*. Hopefully they won't get stabbed for doing so. Because that's the kind of thing I have to be worried about happening to my employees now.

As always, if there's anything, *anything at all* that I can do to improve the situation, just let me know. Seriously. Let me know. And if you're ever not sure what you can do to improve the situation, just let me know that too. I'll write you a list.

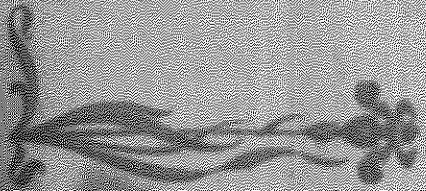
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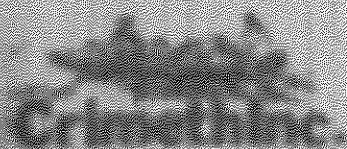
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**To:** r.amundson@msn.com; Brownlee, Christopher  
**Subject:** yesterday at Black Coffee

Yesterday at Black Coffee we had two incidents worth mentioning.

The first involved one of my employees nearly bumping into someone around the corner hiding a large knife that the person had apparently just acquired and were in the process of hiding before running away. What stood out to me about this report was that my employee didn't even bother contacting the police about it because they said, "that's nothing compared to the things I see around here every day now."

The second involved an underage girl taking LSD in Black Coffee and tripping for hours before taking off all of her clothes and entering my establishment naked to yell obscenities at my staff and customers during my peak business hours. That was reported and received a well-documented 911 response.

The staff of Black Coffee were apparently unconcerned with either of these events because, as their facebook page details ( <https://www.facebook.com/BlackCoffeeCoop?ref=ts&fref=ts> ), they were too busy rallying support for an illegal Tar Sands break in at the Canadian Consulate.

I provide this information, confidentially and as requested, with the hope of re-securing a clean, safe business space for myself, my staff and my customers and I assume that it is useful towards that end. If it ever ceases to be, just let me know and I will seek recourse elsewhere.

-Eric

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**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 12:01 PM  
**To:** Brownlee, Christopher  
**Cc:** House, Gerald; York, Matthew E; Sundin, Casey  
**Subject:** RE: Check-in: 501 E Pine ST.

I will be there at 10:30 Wed. April 24th.  
Ron

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**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2013 11:58 AM  
**To:** Ron Amundson  
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## Brownlee, Christopher

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**From:** Ron Amundson [r.amundson@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2013 11:15 AM  
**To:** Brownlee, Christopher  
**Subject:** Re: Check-in: 501 E Pine ST.

Yes Monday morning is fine.

On Apr 17, 2013, at 7:54 AM, "Brownlee, Christopher" <[Christopher.Brownlee@seattle.gov](mailto:Christopher.Brownlee@seattle.gov)> wrote:

> Hi Ron:

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> Unfortunately the City Attorney Liaison is unable to meet those days, how does next Monday morning look (4/22)? I have court in Tukwila in the afternoon, but I can leave my AM calendar open.

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> From: Brownlee, Christopher [<mailto:Christopher.Brownlee@seattle.gov>]  
> Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 4:44 PM  
> To: [r.amundson@msn.com](mailto:r.amundson@msn.com); [r.amundson@msn.com](mailto:r.amundson@msn.com)  
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## **Brownlee, Christopher**

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**From:** Sundin, Casey  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2013 5:28 PM  
**To:** Brownlee, Christopher; York, Matthew E; House, Gerald  
**Subject:** RE: Black Coffee temp liquor license

Copy ... lets do so tomorrow, and update Matt York by phone if we need.

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**From:** Brownlee, Christopher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2013 5:24 PM  
**To:** Sundin, Casey; York, Matthew E; House, Gerald  
**Subject:** RE: Black Coffee temp liquor license

Affirm.

There's a few other angles I'd like to look at that we can discuss in person.

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Expires and WSLCB is not going to re-issue a new temporary?

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**From:** Brownlee, Christopher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2013 3:09 PM  
**To:** Sundin, Casey; York, Matthew E; House, Gerald  
**Subject:** Black Coffee temp liquor license

Expires 4/23.

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## Brownlee, Christopher

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**From:** Stitt, David [DGS@liq.wa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2013 4:46 PM  
**To:** Brownlee, Christopher  
**Subject:** RE: Black Coffee

Chris:

To date, Black Coffee has not submitted a lease agreement. If they cannot secure a lease or do not submit a fully executed lease agreement, they will not receive a liquor license (a temporary, which they are operating on now, and an extension or two of said temporary license is customary).

I have offered responsible liquor sales training to their management and ownership group. I am waiting on a reply.

Have a great week.

-David

-Officer D. Stitt

**From:** Brownlee, Christopher [<mailto:Christopher.Brownlee@seattle.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2013 2:26 PM  
**To:** Stitt, David  
**Subject:** RE: Black Coffee

Desk: 206.684.4371  
Cell: 206.423.3230

I'll be in meetings for the rest of the day, can we check in tomorrow?

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**From:** Stitt, David [<mailto:DGS@liq.wa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2013 1:44 PM  
**To:** Brownlee, Christopher  
**Subject:** Black Coffee

Chris:

Hello. John Wilson asked me to give you a call. What is your number?

Thanks.

-David.

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